

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 9-14.

REMARKS

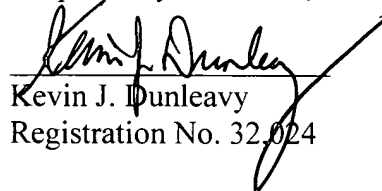
This divisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/529,900 filed on April 21, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,485,496 issued November 26, 2002 under 35 U.S.C. §120 and the specification has been amended to make reference to this application in accordance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §120.

The amendments to the specification were previously approved by the Examiner in the parent U.S. Application No. 09/529,900.

Claims 9-14 have been cancelled without prejudice to resubmission.

Prior to examination and to calculation of the filing fee, Applicant requests that the Examiner enter the foregoing amendment to the application. An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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